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Attention, *ParaNorman* fans!
Can you find these items in this book?

house

soldier

hippie

graveyard

Meet Norman.

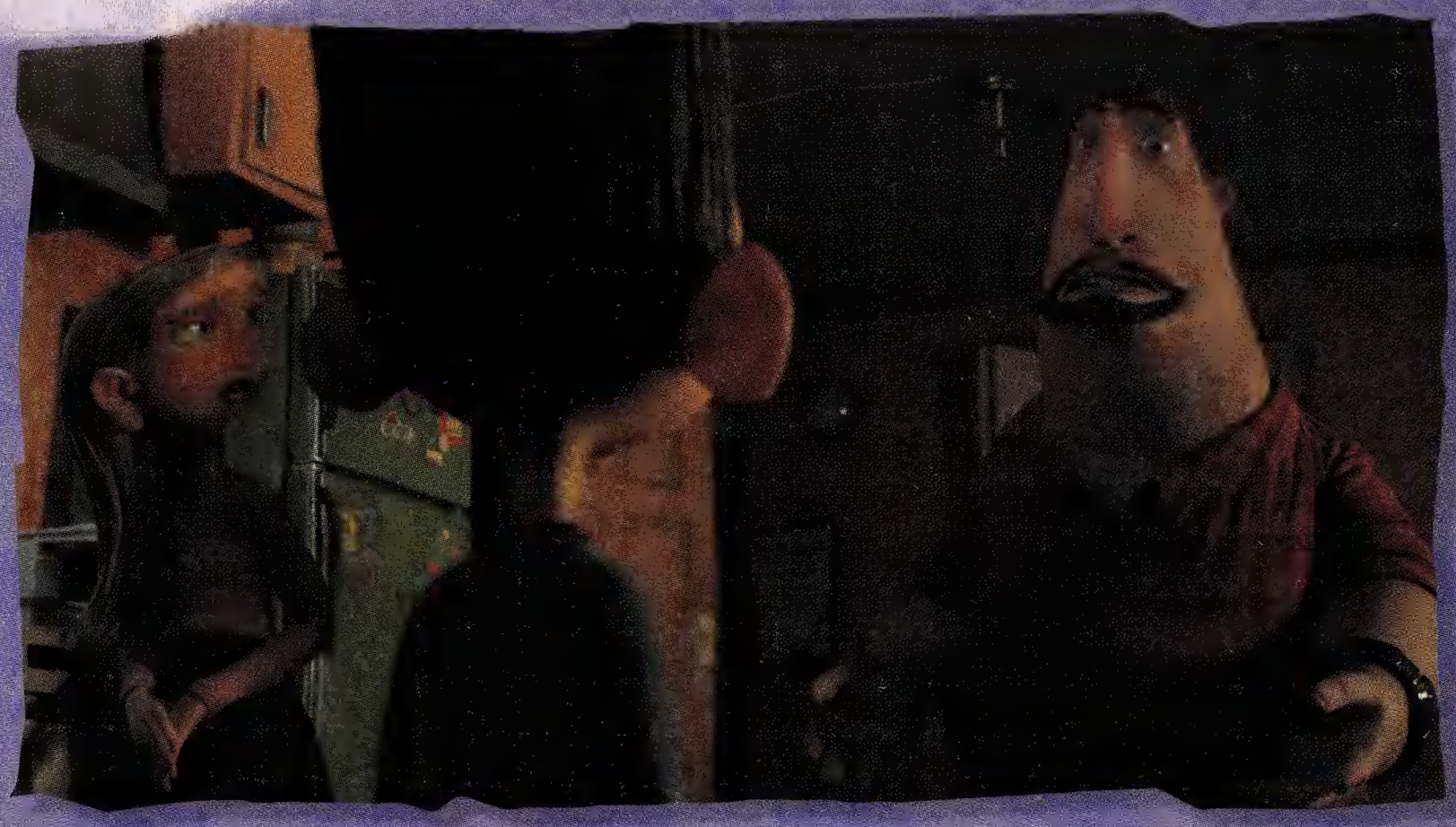
Norman lives in a regular house
with a regular family.

Everything about him
seems perfectly, well, normal.

Except for one little thing.
Norman can talk to ghosts,
such as his grandma.

"Grandma says it is cold
and to turn on the heat," says Norman.
"Your grandmother is gone, son,"
Norman's dad says.

"I know you miss her,"
says Norman's mom,
"but Grandma is in a better place."
"No, she is not," says Norman.
"She is in the living room."



No one believes
in Norman's special gift.
Not his parents, not his sister,
and definitely not the kids at school.

"Hey, Norman," says Alvin,
the biggest bully in school.
He swats a fly with his hand.
"Try talking to *that*."
"Flies do not talk," Norman mutters.

Norman sees ghosts
everywhere he looks.
"Peace, man," a hippie ghost calls out
as Norman walks to school.
"Totally," Norman calls back.

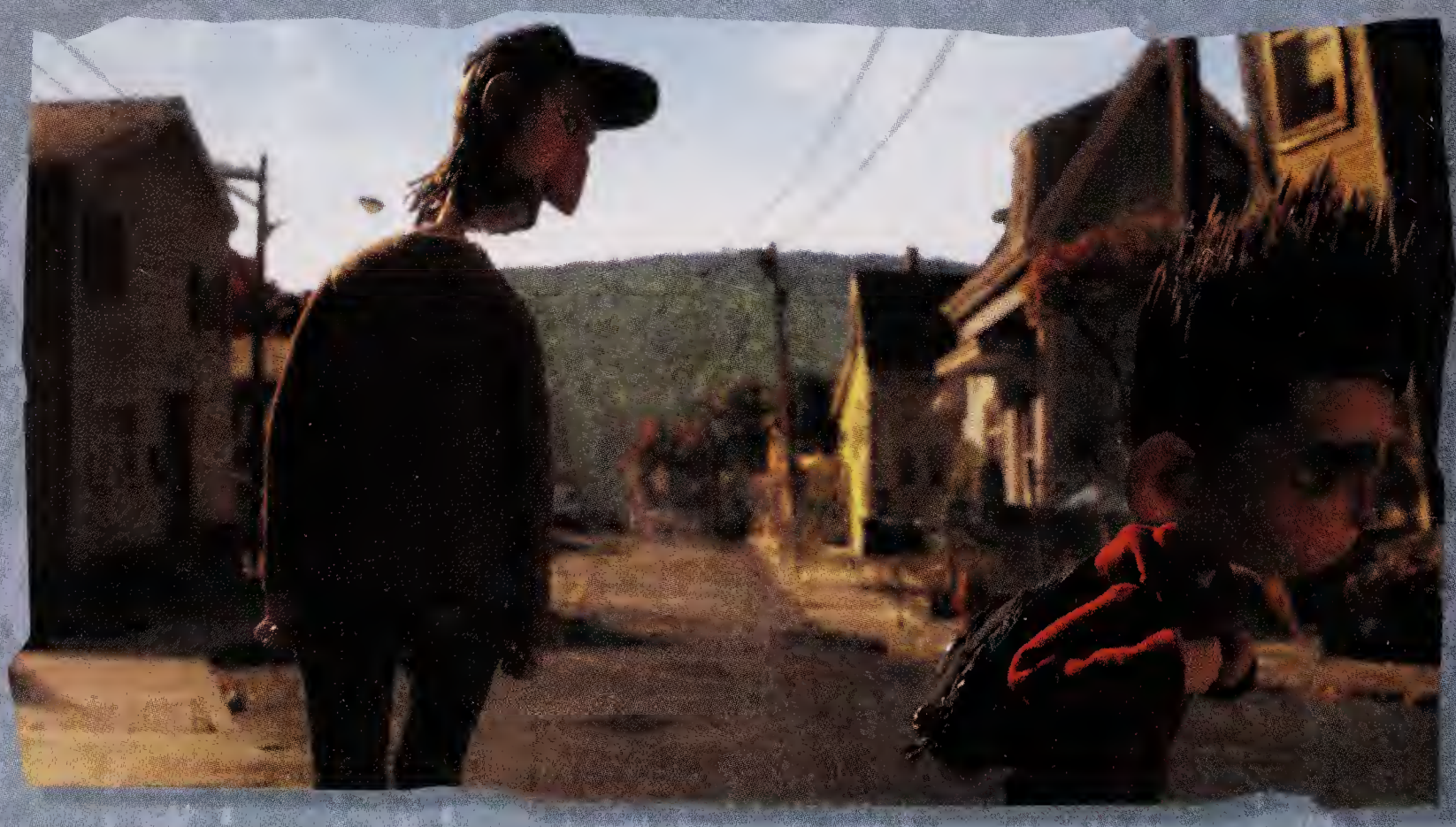
"Morning, Mrs. Hardman.
You look nice today,"
says Norman as he runs past
a lady ghost.

"Hey, little buddy," Norman coos to a dead raccoon.

A passerby stops and stares.

"Whoops," says Norman.

He hurries away, embarrassed.



Then Norman passes
a soldier ghost and salutes.
"As you were," says the soldier,
and salutes back.
Norman relaxes but notices that
everyone is now staring at him.

Not everyone in town
thinks Norman is strange.
Norman has a friend named Neil.

Neil invites Norman over to play with his dog, Bub. Bub is a ghost!

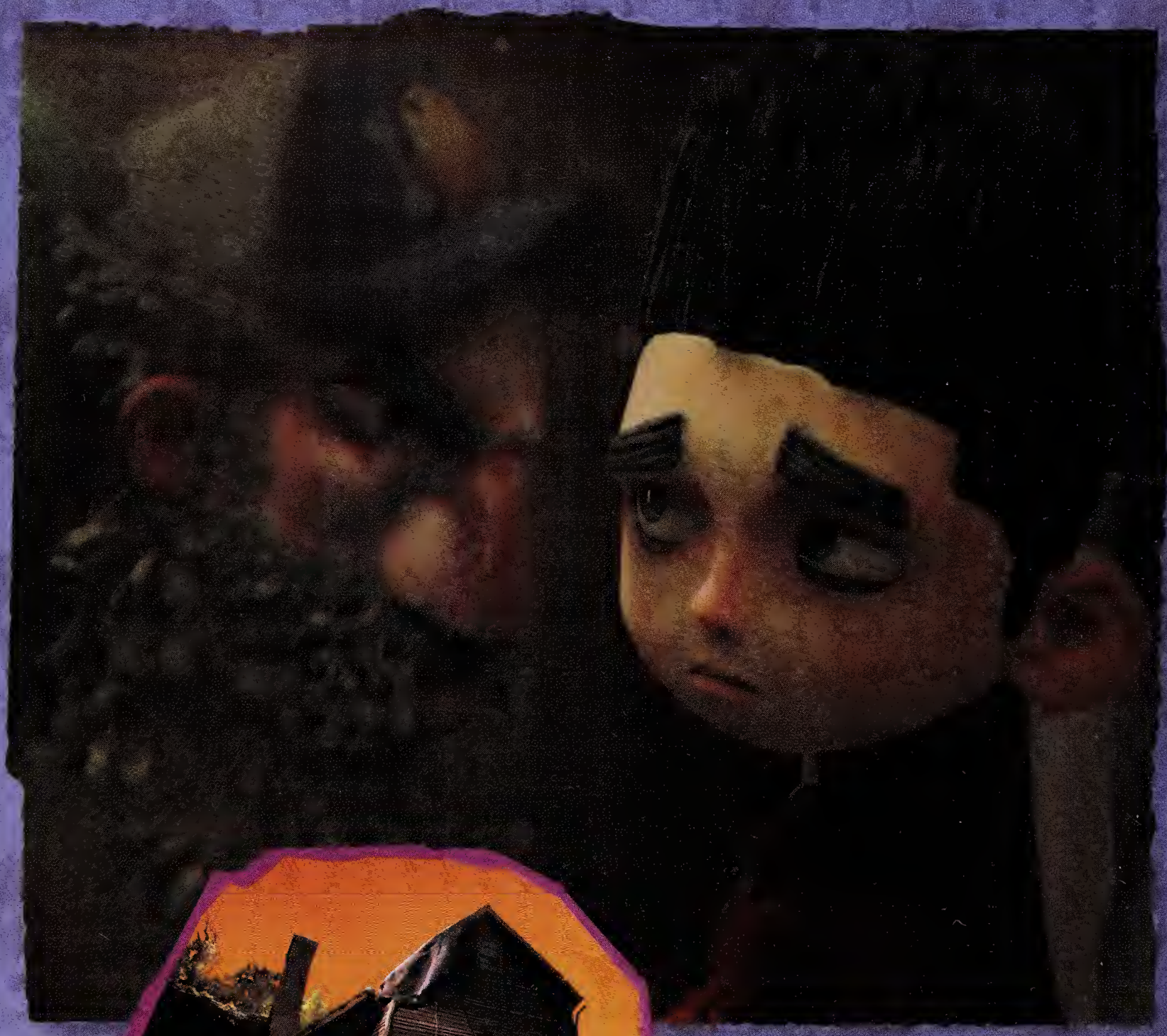
"This is great," says Neil.
"We can play with the dog,
and we do not even have to
dig him up first!"
Neil pets the air.

"Bub cannot play fetch anymore,
you know," says Norman.
"It is still fun," says Neil,
catching the stick himself.

Norman knows he has a friend,
but he still feels pretty lonely.
It is hard being the only one
who can see and talk to ghosts.

But Norman does not know
that there is one ghost
who is looking for him.

One day in school,
a ghost appears to Norman.
He is the creepy man
who lived in a house by the graveyard.



"I know what you see,"
the ghost tells Norman.
"This town is cursed,
and you are the only
one who can save it!"
"*Me?*" asks Norman.

"Yes, you," says the ghost.
"Long ago, a witch cast a spell.
You have to use your gift
to keep this town safe."

"How?" asks Norman.

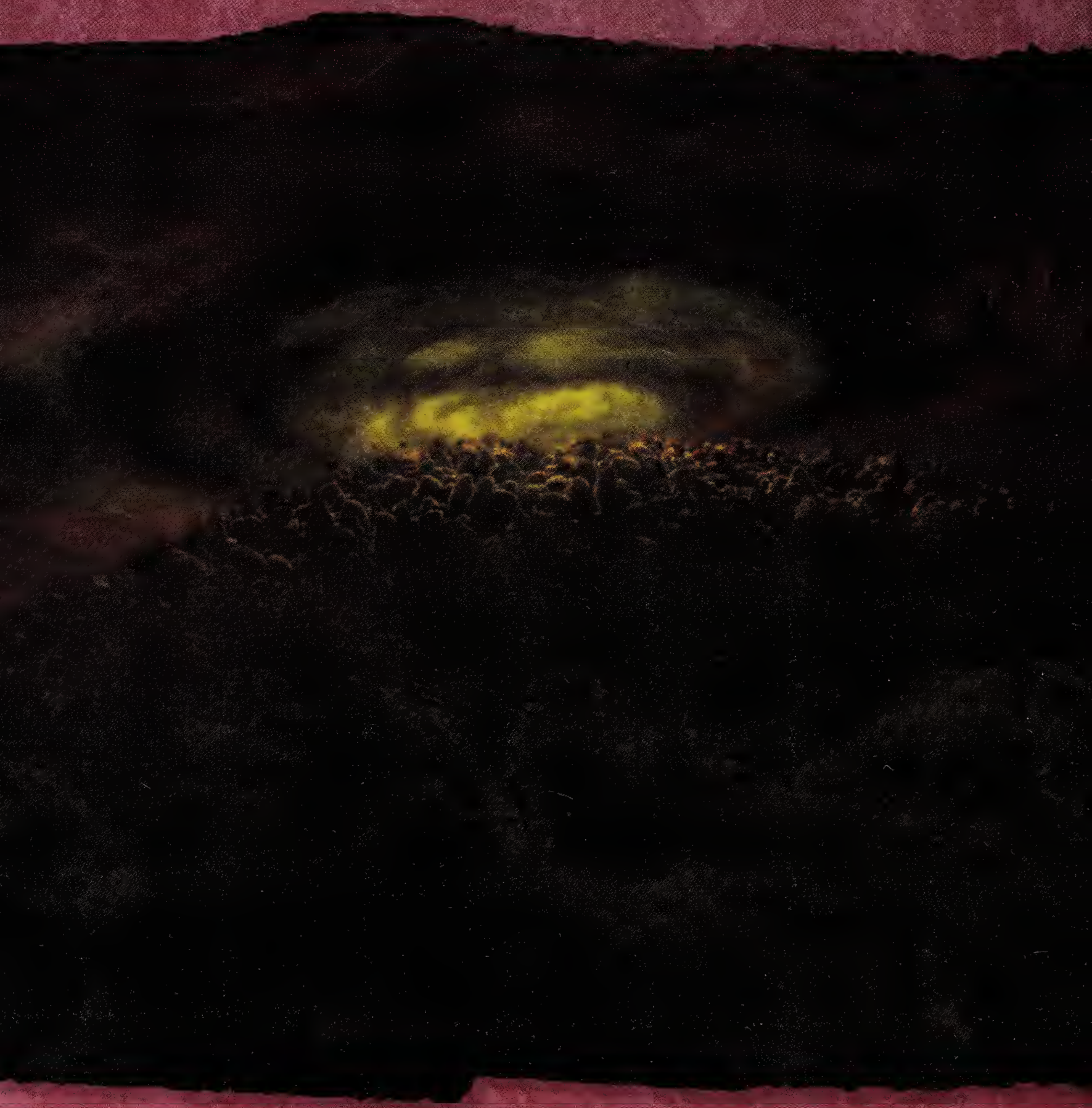
"You have to talk to the witch!

Watch for the signs," explains the ghost.

"You will know what to do."

Then the ghost vanishes!

Later that day,
the sky turns a strange color.
Clouds swirl as the wind
starts to howl through the trees.



"The witch is coming!"

Norman gasps.

He runs home.

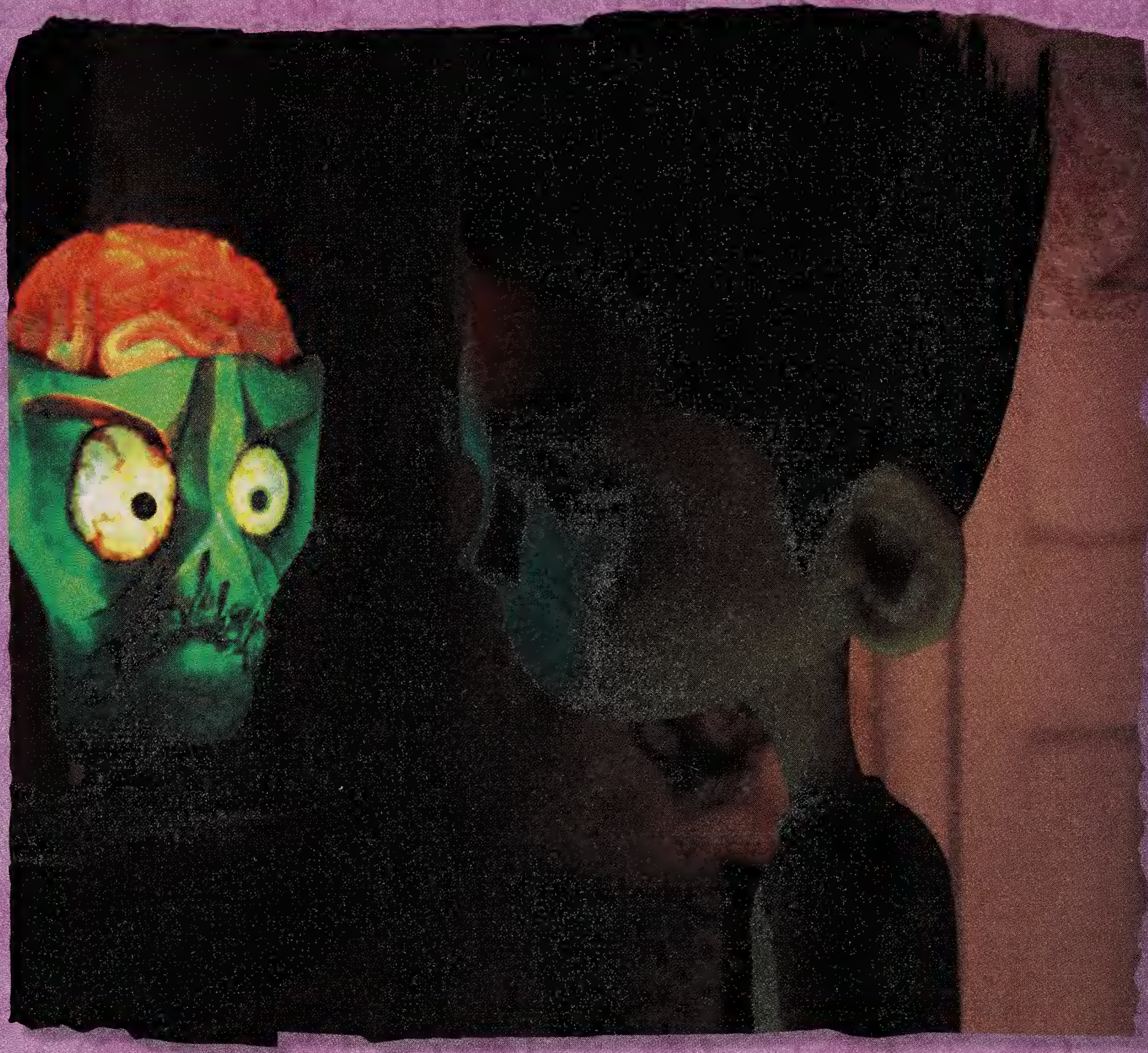
Norman is scared.

He is just a boy.

How can he get an evil witch

to break her curse?

"There is nothing wrong
with being scared,"
says Norman's grandmother.
"Just do not let it change
who you are."



Norman thinks.
Maybe there is a reason
why he is special.
He is the only one
who can save the town!

Outside, the sky deepens
into a green color.
Norman knows the witch is near.
He has no time to lose.

Norman goes to the graveyard.
He is ready to face the witch
the only way he knows how—
by just being himself.

Don't miss this other great book!

Norman has a special gift that everyone else thinks is weird. He can talk to ghosts! Norman sees ghosts everywhere, but what good is talking to them if he does not have any *living* friends to talk to? When an old curse threatens his town, Norman discovers that his weird gift is exactly what is needed to save the day!

CHECKPOINTS IN THIS BOOK

WORD COUNT	GUIDED READING LEVEL	NUMBER OF DOLCH SIGHT WORDS
555	K	80

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